

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A cosmetic composition comprising:

- (i) from about 0.0001 to about 30% by weight of a salt of malonic acid which is present as a half neutralized and a fully neutralized acid in a molar ratio ranging from about 1000:1 to about 1:1000, respectively;
- (ii) from about 1 to about 99.9% by weight of a cosmetically acceptable carrier;

wherein the composition exhibits a Flexibility Value greater than 1 in the Porcine Skin Test.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (previously presented): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the molar ratio is about 2:1 to about 1:200.

Claim 4 (original): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the salt has a cationic counterion to malonate which is an inorganic cation selected from the group consisting of lithium, sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium, ammonium and combinations thereof.

Claim 5 (original): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the cationic counterion to malonate is an organic cation having from 2 to 1,000 carbon atoms selected from the group consisting of polyethyleneimine, triethanolamine, diethanolamine, propanolamine,